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Governor Perdue Announces \$580 Million Budget Surplus

Revenue Increases more than Nine Percent, Surplus for Education and Rainy Day Fund

ATLANTA – Governor Sonny Perdue announced today that the state of Georgia has a \$580 million budget surplus for FY06. Governor Perdue's top priorities for the budget surplus are education and increasing the state's rainy day fund.

"Of the \$580 million budget surplus, \$173 million will go to education in the mid-year adjustment," said Governor Sonny Perdue. "The rest is going in the bank for our state's future – more than \$400 million bringing our reserve fund to \$665 million."

Revenue collections for FY06 increased 9.3 percent over FY05. For the month of June 2006 (FY06), revenue collections totaled \$1,598,202,000 compared to \$1,523,037,000 for June 2005 (FY05), an increase of \$75,165,000 or 4.9 percent.

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE Comparative Net Revenue Collections (unaudited -000's)

For the Month Ended

| June 2005 June 2006 (FY 2005) (FY 2006) | | \$ Change | % Change |
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| Tax Revenues: | | | |
| Income Tax -Individual | \$695,729 \$750,639 | \$54,910 | 7.9% |
| Sales and Use Tax -General: | | | |
| Sales and Use Tax -Gross | \$815,368 \$937,437 | \$122,069 | 15.0% |
| Local Sales Tax Distribution | \$(310,077) \$(394,782) | \$(84,705) | -27.3% |
| Sales Tax Refunds/Adjustments | \$(927) \$(23,942) | \$(23,015) | -2482.7% |
| Net Sales and Use Tax -General | \$504,364 \$518,713 | \$14,349 | 2.8% |
| Motor Fuel Taxes: | | | |
| Prepaid Motor Fuel Sales Tax | \$32,031 \$33,050 | \$1,019 | 3.2% |

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